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**TO:** Wisconsin Municipal Clerks  
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**SUBJECT:** A Successfully Administered and Conducted Election  
The November 6, 2012 Presidential and General Election

On behalf of the members of the Government Accountability Board and our staff, thank you for continuing to bring the highest level of enthusiasm and exceptional performance to serving the people of Wisconsin.

The November 6, 2012 Presidential and General Election marked the culmination of an election year that saw an unprecedented number of elections (six statewide), including the unbudgeted and unscheduled recall contests during which you had to learn and apply new laws, new rules and new procedures. Throughout this unpredictable year, your professionalism and diligence in serving the people of our Great State enabled them to make their voices heard throughout Wisconsin and around the nation.

We thank you for the excellent work not only on November 6, 2012 but for the hundreds of hours of preparation focused before the November Presidential and General Election making sure that it and the five elections before that, were a success. Your dedication and commitment to the integrity of our election process reflects what is best about election administration in Wisconsin. This fact is supported and reflected by us receiving glowing compliments from voters, legislators and the media alike about how smoothly things went on November 6, Election Day. That positive feedback is a direct reflection of the work you and your staff put in during these demanding times.

All told, over three million ballots were cast and turnout estimates (about 70%) suggest voter participation that rivals, and possibly exceeds, the totals from the 2008 Presidential and General Election. Interest in absentee voting was robust throughout the State placing an increased demand on the time and resources of your offices. Despite heavy turnout which is typical for Wisconsin, you performed consistently and in an exemplary manner.

Given the fact that the whole nation was watching, as usual, you made Wisconsin proud! For that, we are grateful. A heartfelt thank-you!

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